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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Further to the amendment dated April 2, 2002, filed in response to the USPTO Office Action of January 3, 2002, please consider the attached non-prior art article captioned "Optimizing Fiber Orientation in Marine Laminates" and the non-prior art research report entitled "The Choice of Fiber Orientations in Laterally Loaded FRP Panels". These published articles describe the advantages of the present invention and show objective indicia, e.g., industry recognition, for the present invention. These objective indicia are evidence of the non-obviousness of the present invention.

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All claims are believed to be in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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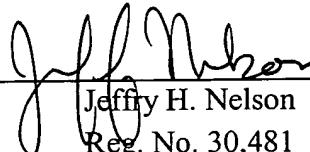
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